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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

the international application in the language in which it was filed
 a translation of the international application into , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b)).

2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material:

a sequence listing
 table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material:

on paper
 in electronic form

c. time of filing/furnishing:

contained in the international application as filed.
 filed together with the international application in electronic form.
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-20
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-20
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-20
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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Re Item V.

1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 : US 6 055 012 A (HASSELL ET AL) 25 April 2000 (2000-04-25)

D2 : US 2004/252374 A1 (SAISHU TATSUO ET AL) 16 December 2004 (2004-12-16)

D3 : US 2001/038413 A1 (PELEG SHMUEL ET AL) 8 November 2001 (2001-11-08)

2 Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

Stereoscopic image data structure comprising:

a parallax component image data representing parallax component images (fig. 13, ref. V1-V7), each having different numbers of horizontal pixels (col. 10, lines 20 - 25), wherein n combined images with the same number of horizontal and vertical pixels (col. 10, lines 24 -25; "super-view 1", "super-view 2") being formatted by combining one or more parallax component images (see e. g. fig 13d).

2.1 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1, 2, 14, 16, 18, 19 and 20

As can be seen from the above, document D1 discloses in combination all the features defined in independent claims 1, 2, 14, 16, 18, 19 and 20. Hence the subject-matter of this claim is not new (Article 33(2) PCT).

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 3-13, 15, 17

Dependent claims 3-13, 15, 17 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).